

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 3 under 35 USC 103(a) but has indicated that claims 2 and 4 - 11 would be allowable if re-written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 4 and claim 4 has been canceled so that claim 1 should now be allowable.

The dependencies of claims 5, 8 and 9 which originally were dependent on claim 4 has been changed so that they now depend on claim 1.

All the dependent claims 2, 3, and 5 to 11 are therefore properly dependent directly or indirectly on claim 1 and should also be patentable.

Allowance of claims 1, 2, 3, and 5 to 11 is solicited.

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